REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the office action of 12/18/2002, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 to 23 and claims 59 to 72 were allowable. Please cancel claims 24 to 58 such that the remaining claims are the allowable claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

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